CIRL THIEVES AMAZE POLICE

Celia Gilson and Fannie Lewis Arrested in Washington for Robbing Schools, Regarded as Clever Young Criminals.

DETECTIVES BAFFLED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS.

When Caught They Turned Upon One Another and Each Accused Her Companion of

A remarkable pair of young criminals are Celia Gibson and Fannie Lewis, the two New York girls who were arrested a long list of similar crimes in this city. Little more than children, they have travelled from place to place during the past two weeks, entering schoolhouse on one pretext or another and rarely failing to come safely away with some

Their trail leads from this city to Baltimore and thence to Washington, where their careers of crime were cut short by the police, who were furnished with deecriptions of them by numerous school teachers and school children who had seen them going in and out of schools. These youngsters had all of the skill but none of the stoicism of old criminals. As long as they were not suspected they their trade cleverly and with a good deal of success, but the moment evidence of their guilt they broke down and hastened to accuse each other of

responsibility for their joint crime.
Stealings Footed Up Big. It is impossible to estimate the amount of their stealings, but as they left New York practically penniless and were arrested in Washington with plenty of money and good clothing it is clear that ed. Not the least peculiar part of the careers of these girls is the fact that they confined their efforts to schools, preferably public schools. Deft of fingers, quick of wit, with plausible stories at their tongues' ends to fit any altuation in which they might find themselves, they might have made larger profits in looting shops or houses, but

they stuck to their one line of work.

in schools, and as they had some success and found it was very easy, even for a stranger to account for his presence in an educational institution, they resolved to stick to schools. They had planned a trip all over the country.

After Washington they were going South, swing around into the West and then work their way to New York slowly, enjoying life as they went along. They had agreed only to take things from schools that could be easily disposed of. Part of their plan was never to touch a pupil's desk until they had first rifled the teacher's, for they reckoned that they might not always have as much time as they wanted and that teachers were more ant to have norker.

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"You are stating now what he said," inquired Justice Davy. "is that it?"

"Yes, sir." replied Miss Deming, beaming upon the Justice, "this is quotation."

In reply to other questions Miss Deming said that from Cushing's acts and his conversation at the time she believed the way irrational and not responsible for his act."

"Didn't you tell the Police Sergeant that Cushing was under the influence of liquor?"

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Two hardened old criminals could hardly have laid out a more ambitious scheme than did these two children, and the authorities are amazed at the ease with which they carried out the crimes that they planned. The full text of the confession made by the girls has not reached this city yet, so there are no details of the robbestles they committed here before taking to the road. But the local police believe that the arrest of these girls at last throws light on the mysterious school robberles here during the past few months. These robberles ceased about the time that the Gilson and Lewis girls left form. Before that they had been occurring with great regularity. Clothing, books, hats, money and other Laid Out Ambitious Scheme.

ing, books, hats, money and other things were stolen, generally during recess periods. Every effort was made to find the perpetrators of these petty thefts. Children were suspected and accused, and ruined in reputation deepite their tearful denials, and in the One Hundred and Sixteenth street thefts, to the great indignation of their

went to the bad. The Gilson girl is but sixteen years old, and before she went to Wash-ington two weeks ago, lived with her likely but a piece of bamboo, closed at

time Cella worked around in different dry-goods stores, making fairly good pay. She had a steady job until last One Hundred and First etreet with her April. Then she gave it up one day, father and mother and brother, Ed-While walking through Mount Morris ward. The girl started her career of Park she met the Lewis girl. This girl crime about a year ago, it was said, at wore better clothes than Celia, and she the house by stealing her brother's didn't work for them. She made Celia diamond pin.

Girl Wanted Good Clothes,

DISCUSSES JAGS

Miss Emily Demming Tells Why She Thinks a Prisoner Was Insane and Not Under Influence of Liquor.

EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE.

a Good Many Kinds of Drunk ards Since in the Employ of the

Miss Emily Dunning, the ambulance Being Responsible for Thefts. her first appearance in court to-day as

Miss Dunning was called as a witnes for the defense in the trial of William Cushing, who was one of the crew of Admiral Dewey's flagship Olympia at the capture of Manila, who shot and in Washington yesterday for robbing killed his wife July 21 last in their schools and who have now confessed to rooms, at No. 179 Ludlow street. His James J. Walsh, and Otto Rosolsky, declare that he is insane.

Miss Dunning was called to substantiate this claim. She ewent on the ambulance to the place of the shooting and attended both Cushing and his

"Do you remember seeing the defendant that morning?" Mr. Walsh asked Miss Dunning.

changed so much," Miss Dunning re-"What was his appearance then?"

"He impressed me as out of his mind," first cases and I took notes at the time. He was irrational. He had a vacan they were arrested and confronted with stare. He did not look like an ordinary drunkard. His eyes wandered and he was not excited in the usual sense of

"I object!" thundered Assistant District-Attorney. Ely, who is prosecuting

"Let her proceed," remarked Justice Davy; "the witness is clear."
"What did he say?" asked Mr. Walsh. "The first remark he made," Miss

Dunning replied, "was 'Hello, Captain Dunning, you have seen Jesus Christ haven't you?'

"What followed after that?" · Answered Like Insane Man.

"I tried to open up a conversation to find out what was the matter with him. He impressed me as an insane man. He that in New York they began stealing me if I wouldn't let them beat him. He said he was Albert Swanson, a sailor. He had fallen into the river, tripping to indorse Perusa. He has not only used Perusa. He has not only us

liquor?"
"I do not recall wording it that way."
"But suffering from alcoholism is about the same thing?"

Differs from Alcoholism.

TRUCK CRUSHED A BOY. He Was at Play in the Street When

Run Down

While playing in Ninth avenue at Twenty-ninth street yesterday James school several hundred ouplis were lined Flaherty, ten years old, of No. 42 West up and examined a short time ago after Twenty-ninth street, was run over and a paracularly exasperating series of killed by the wheels of a heavy truck. Thomas Hughes drove the team and parents.

All of these crimes are now laid at the door of the Gilson and Lewis girls, and picked the boy up and took him to a ineir confessions are awaited with interas there.

Friends of the Glison girl in this city
said to-day that she was a good girl
until she met Fannie Lewis, but that as
soon as she fell under her influence she

(From Good Housekeeping.)
The poorest man in Japan may haveington two weeks ago, lived with her parents at No. 14 East One Hundred and Fourteenth street. Her father. Jacob, is a tailor, and has a family of six children, of whom Celia is the third. Mrs. Gilson, who was prostrated by the news from Washington, said to-day:

"Celia was a good girl until she fell under the influence of this Lewis woman. We are poor people, and for a time Celia worked around in different

"Fannle is a headstrong girl, and we "Celia demanded better clothes from us a nonth ago. of course, we could not give them to her, so two weeks ago she packed up and went away and we have heard nothing from her, save the awful news that came to-day of her arreet in Washington. Well, she has made her own bed and must lie in it. We gave her a good home and did everything we could for her. We can do no more."

Che Lewis girl lived at No. 180 East

could never control her." said Mrs. Lewis to-day, "She was a ways running away and failing in love with some young fellow. She travelled around with a bookmaker's clerk for a time, and when she left for Washington two weeks ago she told me she was going to join him in Washington. There is nothing that we can do for her."

They admitted that Celia Gilson would rifle as many teachers' desks as possible during the noon hour, while the other girl stood guard. Fannis Lewis accused her companion of stealing a diamond ring from Mark Weiss, a jewelry drummer. The ring was found in a pawi shop. could never control her." said Mrs.

WOMAN SURGEON HAULED BY ROPE PE-RU-NA IDEAL REMEDY FOR WINTER ILLS. FROM ICY RIVER Valuable Health Hints for Deputy Register E. B. Yeager Uses and

Policeman Located Faint Cries for December. The cold towel tath for those in vigorous health or the cold, dry from Water at End of Pier.

STRUGGLED IN STREAM

Sailor Kept Himself Alive by Banging His Head Against A brisk walk in the open air before the mid-day meal is necessary for good health.

Those who have a touch of catarrh or a cold Post, but Surgeons at Hos-

against the icv wind, was passing Coen-ties Slip on South street at that black

hour just before dawn to-day when he heard a hoarse cry of "Help!" Beyond the flashing lights of the cars Beyond the flashing lights of the cars cember make sunlight so scarce that every on the bridge there was not a sign of one should get as much of the direct rays life within his vision. His quick survey of the sun as possible. Let sun into the of the street revealed nothing and he stopped and waited. In another moment street. Keep in the sun all you possibly stopped and wated. In another month, the same cry rang out. It seemed to come from the river and he walked to come from the river and he walked to the docks and peered along the black

water near shore. As he stood gazing into the water the cry came to him again. It seemed to rise up from under his feet, but a careful search did not reveal the source of the strange summons.

Heard the Cry Again,

A half hour later he again passed Coerties Slip, when again a feeble, hopeless cry of "Help!" reached his ears. less cry of "Help!" reached his ears.
This time there was a vibrant note of to take or cure anything. I have found. despair in the cry that convinced the however, one exception to this rule, and liceman it was no hallucination. He rushed to the end of the pier and it in cases of catarrh of the respiratory or

neath the pler. He was just about to turn away when

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Exercise.

should take a tablespoonful of Peruna bepital Say He Must Succumb. Confinement.

Those confined to the house or office dur-Policeman John H. Hause of the Old some exercise before dinner or the evening Slip Station, swinging his arms across meal. December being the most trying his chest and striding in short, quick month, as it ushers in winter, all people steps to keep his blood in circulation who have ever been troubled with catarrh should take a tablespoonful of Peruna be-

Sunlight.

The long nights and short days of De-Walk on the sunny side of the

tention to the general laws governing health they would be better off. I am

also satisfied that the majority of patent medicines are at best almost

that is in Peruna. I have often prescribed listened again. He lay down on his digestive organs."-Dr. W. Green. stomach and looked into the blackness Ex-Secretary of State of West Virginia.

he saw a black shaggy form clinging of West Virginia. in a letter from 916 T. to one of the piles. He shouted, and in street, N. W. Washington, D. C., writes: Hon, J. M. Pipes, ex-Secretary of State reply received a hardly distinguishable "A large number of my acquaintances suf-groan. Instantly he rushed to one side fering from catarrhal disorders, as well as of the pier and seized a rope. He made debility of the system, failing to find other a slip noose and, leaning far down over remedies have been induced to try Peruna. the water, he threw it at the black, motionless form. He felt it crumble nounced and the relief afforded has been so thin pieces of ice and finally settle over the object he sought. Then he pulled it taut and hauled in.

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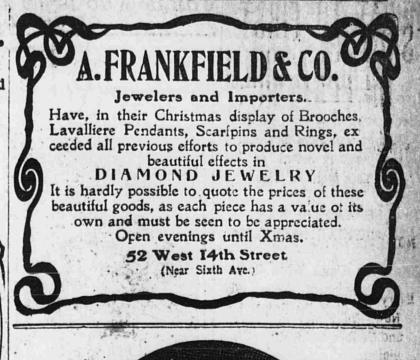
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